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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Re: U.S. Allowed Utility Patent Application  
Appl. No. 09/263,098; Filed: March 5, 1999  
For: **Preparation of Biodegradable, Biocompatible**  
**Microparticles Containing A Biologically Active Agent**  
Inventors: Rickey *et al.*  
Our Ref.: 00166.0063.US04  
*Attn. Box Issue Fee*  
*Batch No. L36*

Sir:

In response to the **Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due** dated **April 20, 2000**, the following documents are forwarded for appropriate action by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office:

1. Issue Fee Transmittal (Form PTOL-85B);
2. Our Check No. 328792 for \$1,240.00 to cover:  
\$1,210.00 Issue Fee; and  
\$ 30.00 Advance copies of patent; and
3. Return postcard.

It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the date of filing of these documents, and that it be returned to our courier.

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 08-3038 referencing docket number **00166.0063.US04**. If extensions of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 other than those otherwise provided for herewith are required to prevent abandonment of the present patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned, and any fees therefor are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 08-3038 referencing docket number 00166.0063.US04. A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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Enclosures